

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 7 and add claims 8 to 14 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 to 7 (Cancelled).

8. (New) A filament brake comprising:

a rotatably journaled drum defining a drum axis (X);

said drum having a plurality of peripherally-extending take-up slots formed thereon for accommodating a plurality of filaments therein;

said take-up slots being spaced one from the other in the direction of said drum axis (X); and,

means for adjusting the torque of said drum.

9. (New) The filament brake of claim 8, wherein each of said slots has an arcuate shape viewed in cross section and includes a filament intake region and a filament run-out region; said drum having a first diameter at said intake region and a second diameter at said run-out region; and, said first diameter is greater than said second diameter.

10. (New) The filament brake of claim 8, wherein the drum is journalled at one end.

11. (New) The filament brake of claim 8, wherein the drum is a shaft journalled at both ends.

12. (New) A filament brake comprising:

a rotatably journalled drum defining a drum axis (X);

said drum having a smooth surface;

5 an ancillary shaft adjacent said drum and arranged inclined to said drum axis (X); and,

a plurality of filaments being wrapped around the combination of said drum and said ancillary shaft.

13. (New) A spiraling arrangement comprising:

a plurality of filament brakes;

each of said filament brakes including:

a rotatably journalled drum defining a drum axis (X);

5 said drum having a plurality of peripherally-extending take-up slots formed thereon for accommodating a plurality of filaments therein;

said take-up slots being spaced one from the other in the direction of said drum axis (X);

10 means for adjusting the torque of said drum; and,

said means including a motor or brake device for generating said torque and transmitting said torque to said drum.

14. (New) The spiraling arrangement of claim 13, wherein said

plurality of filament brakes are synchronously controlled by a common drive element.